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REMARKS

In response to the Notice of Allowance mailed on January 28, 2005, claim 17 has been

amended to address an incorrect antecedent basis issue. Specifically, claim 17 has been amended

to replace "means" in line 4 with --unit--.

Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested because it merely corrects the

informality therein and does not change the claim scope. Should the Examiner feel that there are

any issues outstanding after consideration of this Amendment, the Examiner is invited to contact

the Applicant's undersigned representative at the number below to expedite prosecution.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Reply is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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